

CHAPTER XIII.

"I do not know," thought Bernarde ts he returned home. "What one know very well indeed, what one cannot done Dh. that would be impossible! Is the one of the unhealthy handed They on the retina of the dead man's eye, re | mock at death as they mock at every flected there at the suprome moment of thing else. Where will it all end? We the agony? Is there found the image of | shall see it "this Dantin, his face, his features-this man, in a word, denounced by this wit | her husband longhingly in the world? This assessimated man-

which is fluction. the man had be multi-to-defend into the man had be multi-to-defend into the self, would be not have done it? One

Only it seemed now certain that Dantin aithenga guilty, had an accomplice--yes, without doubt, the man with the

to run him out of his rabbit batch."

alice, and would she remain silent, had den in the province? Or would the where she might be recognized and be-

come a with as fur justice Slichy continued to interest, and excite adjourn to the cave of death the public. Violent and perplexing parin broad daylight, almost, as one might acide merbid interest in this murder, antries of the biase obtains.

actuality. Jacques Domin thus became a dra- was turned off, and the lovers in the matic personage. The reporters created gambidas, the guiter players, the sin legends about him. Some declared him guilty and brought up in support of their conviction some anecdores, some tales from the clubs, given as proofs, of the blond heads and ross check others asked if the suppositions were skulls suddenly appropried. The small sufficiently well based to accuse a man became grins which showed the for in advance of trial, and these latter in their theshess guins. The bone ardently took up his decease. Paul Rodier had even, with much dextenity and | ms, a moment ago, were made by some eloquence, diplementically written two neticles, one on either side of the ques | nideous skrictons. In his maching tones

side or the atnor.

Bernardet did not renounce for an instant the hope of finding the man winhad sold the peture. It was not the first time that he had picked the neadle from a cartful of hay. Paris is large. but this human sea has its particula corrents, as the cecan has special times and the talice of cer knew it well Here or there some day he would meet the man, cast up by the torrent like a

First of all, the man was probably a thought the sat there, learning lack against the wall, where verses about laugh sounded strident or hysterical. stranger from some foreign land. Went ing a hat like a Spaniard, he had not ters, made conversation with the lodg motives for coming to Paris were all to some of the strange wineshors of alchomes (called cabarets) to find subjects for observation. These enhances are very numerous on the entshirts of Montmartre, in the streets and bonds vards at the foot of the Butte, bizarre inventions, original and disagreently creations where the impounity of the enterprisers so notimes made them hideous in order to stimet, to enter to the idle the higher classes; capacets born of the used for novelty which might stimulate the blase, the dermand for something secentric almost to morbid frony, a dance Macabro trod to the measures of au operetta, pleasantries of the ban glers adopting the cure alls of the saw bones and juggling with their empty heads while dreaming the dreams of Hamilet.

Cabaret du Squelette!

The announcement of the droll prom iscs-apparitions, visions, phantomshad often made him storie when he had passed near there to go to the prefecture this wine, acp, the front of which was bordered with black, like a letter an nouncing a death, and which here, grating as it swung at the end of an iron red, a red lantern for a sign.

His little girls, when he laughingly snoke of the cabaret where the waiters were dressed like undertakers' assist ants, turned pale, and plump little Mile. Bernardet, ordinarily smiling.

mitted in the courters.

Deciarate good naturedly replied 'Ah, my dear, where is the barin?' "I know what I am talking about, are good wife said. "They are the pleas

Hernarder was obstinate in his con- black and were hong with a large num- an empty ceffin. viction. He was perfectly record in it. for of paintings-scenes from masked. It was a doleful spectacle which the What if he had not persisted in believe halfs, combiles, parades, our mades with Catarret du Squelette (the wineshop of ing that physicgraphy would reveal the a balcony some, some or the layers' the skelerar, affered to its clientele of

who had come there are correct even our about. The black walls made the marhis side the situation seemed a simple, which they leaned their classes amused. Laughs or a pulchral drefleries?

ed the mysery of the Boulevard de deep mouranne "Before bing we will eyes never left it for a moment.

called a "creepy" sciention Sussain ricipated in advance, could not thrust | brain discussed upper class and the plea-

At a certain moment and after an explanation given by the manager the ga ers of Spanish somes, the denoers musmateria with the Mantilla Renes, when suddonly in since or tastion. In t clothed in doublets, in velvers and sai interior illumination to charge into "It is," he said to himself, "the sure on the metamorphous, adding to the the mana we explained and commenced way of having told the truth on one funereal spectacle the pleasurtry of a butFoon:

"See, diseased Parishens, what you | He walked over and sented himself at the will be on Summy ""

ers in the gondelas on the lagoons of tion of tasting in advance the pleasur a Venico reappeared; the Andalusian of a widowneed. Would you like to resweethearts again gazed into each othe your husband disappear, my sistor? My er's eyes and sang their love songs, brother, do you wish to see your wife Some of the women brached, but the decompose? Eacrifice yourselves, I beg laughs sounded constrained.

had time to change the style of dress of tours—as in these longes of Freemisons the sound of cracked crystal. No one the country from which be had come where an outsider is shut up in order stirred. This paredy of death affected in search of adventures. Bernarder to give him time to make his will— even these bardened spectators. haunted the hotels, searched the regis | when the door opened and Bernardet | saw a tall young man of stalward and daver belonging to the establishment ers. He found pour persons who had resolute onen outer. A black, curly which we can use. It is a pity. You come from foreign countries, but whose | heard surrounded his pale face. As he | may readily understand that we do not entered to east a quick glance around take the dead for companions."

Wear. Possibly, a few people passing through Paris might be found wearing sucbuts. But they would probably be rare and in order to find the seller of Jacque and to hold the longers from among Danthu's portrait Bornaulet had only

this one clew "Oh, such a mean, little, weak clew But one must use it, just the same! Bernardet had said.

strange hat was, by chance, the unknown for whom he was rearching? 1. thought of it-not at all probable. Hobilities, and Bernardet again experience ed the same shock, the instructive feel ing that he had struck the trail which he felt when the young man entered the wineshop

"That bat!" murbured Bernardet. girming his wine and stenling planes over the rim of his glass at the your man. The unknown seemed to play directly into the police officer's hand After standing by the door a few moments and looking about the place he walked over and seated bimself at the coffin shaped table at which Bernardet would say, with a sigh, "Is it possible tree with the officer. One of the waitwas sented, bringing himself face to

Bernardet was able to study him at his porary, if you please." ease. The pale face, with its expression, good buck" of the unknown:

At once, with the ingenuity of a master of dramatic are, the agent began to plot and to put into action what law-"Or we shall not see it," interrupted pers, pleading and turning and twisting nan, in a worst, denounced by this witnesses the hosband longhously a cause this way and that, call an effect. He waited until the manager ina little time to himself, as he would formed them that they were about to anst a last look upon his murderer as he have gone into a theater. He knew pass into the cave of death and gave ralled for nid-a last cry for help in something about this Cabaret du sque them all an invitation into the adjointhe death rattle. And this man says, it lette (meaning the winesher of the fug hall; then, profiting by the general 40 not known. But the read man knew, | sheletony, the found the place very droll | movement, he approached the unknown. and the hotal braws also, it has no A small in I which and a rew months and, almost shoulder to shoulder, he term bassion, no anger, without hate, because before been a common win shop had walked along beside him, through a it registers what passes; fixes that been transformed into a lugabrious formow, dark pursage to a little room, ger to strike his blow-this was the ex- place, even before the man in the coffin place. The walls were painted a dead where, on a narrow stage, stood upright, act moment to do it, the psychological had reappeared, smiling at the audi-

truck: What weighty reason, what even rendezvous of Venis and an ideal view bill foungers and morbid curiosity seekacceptable one, was there which obliged , of termodia, with couples gazung at each ers attracted to its halls by these exhi-Dang a recommendation of the general superiors and the general superiors of the examining magnetizate and has the lagrons or in the Andalusian courts, the lagrons of these mental and the first three of these mental and the lagrons or in the Andalusian courts, the lagrons or in the Andalusian courts, the lagrons of the restrict to the lagrons of the lagrons o registrar-in the secret interview of an and in the stance place with its re- lights, what common chemical illumiexaminations-when in order to escape a mantic pictures, souvening of Masset or Indians, they gave to the lookers on the prison, an accusation, he had only to at Carlo Cozat, the tables very made in source illusion of the decomposition of the decomposition of Upon the stage the play of lights nothing was it because he had nothing standing upon them and the waiters to save if he had given no explanation, were dressed as undertakers' resistants, the leaderward came in order to be was it because he had none to give? An with shiny black bars trimined with imposed, he had seen many times in the innessent man does not remain silent crape on their herds.

If at the instant when M. Ginery press.

"What poison will you drink before. The propertor of the cabaret had exed the fory fatton the other day you die? asked me of the creatures of plained it to him. He had been curious studies of certain Spanish painters in reached the men. While speaking to their heads. and very leen about it, and so he tolhermardet sat and gazed about him. | lowed the crowd into this little half to knew the sour treason of criminals to A few which filters. It in the other look once more at the image of a man beeping silent. Their best reason is side of Paris were those. Hereand there in the caller. He knew well to what a third from that quarter sat alone at a purpose be could put it. The place was table. Some elegants in white cravats, full. Men and women were standing dress, were going later, after the opera, | row place look still smaller. Gecasional windstreet, the seller of the portrait to sup with some parameter. The police bigarre place strings were beard and to sup with some parameter. The police bigarre place strings were beard and officer understood very well why the bigarre place strings were beard and officer understood very well why the bigarre place strings were beard and officer understood very well why the bigarre place strings were beard and the place came bear the wishest to sup with some parameters. blase came here. They wished to jog that, no marter how skeptical people words. "Not easy; no, not easy at all their juded appetites; they sought to may be, the idea, the proximity, the The woman in black, the visitor, and the tangeness of their daily exist pression of uncusiness, a singular sensawould be another important elew. On succ. The coffin shaped tables upon tion which is often displayed in nervous

one. Or was this woman also an account hear. Several of them had asked for a Bermardet had not left the side of the Invaroise, as they were on milk diet. Young man with the gray felt hat. He They pointed out to each other the could see his face distinctly in the light death of Rovers draw her to Paris. gas flaming from the sets te-inoned as of the little hall, and could study it at the form of a broken shin tone, this case. In the shadows which burked denly fir "A little patience, my friends," said about them the young man since seemed a viter. But the says passed. What was call a sort of manager, who was dressed in like a white spot. The officer's sharp

The manager new asked if some one mentary discussions could not dis- ed. Becauselet experienced on the con- step into the open collin—that box, as tract attention from a crime committed trary, what Muse 25 mard two 11 may be said-"from which your friends, your neighbors, can see you dematerial-



cogn shaped table The light went out suddenly: the to see you deliquesce. Are there any sheletens disappeared; the signing lov- married people here? It is only a quesof you. Come, come up here! Death "Droll, this city of Paris," Bernardet | uwaits you!"

death were printed among the whi . The buigh did not ring true, but had

"Oh, well, my friends, there is a ca-

right. Because thever-supped search the hall, the air of which was rather As no one among the spectators would ing a moment. He went everywhere, thick with eight sincke. He memed to enter the cellin the manager, with a carrious and prying, and it pleased him. be about 30 years of age, and had the gesture, ordered one of the supernumerwhen he found a leasure evening, to go air of an artist, a scalptor, or a painter, aries of the cabaret to enter. From an together with something military in his | open door the figurans glided across the carriage. But what welderly struck stege and entered the coffin standing Bernardet was his hat, a large, gray, upright. The manager wrapped him felt hat, with a very wide bein, life about with a shroud, leaving only the the sombreros which the buildighters | pale face of the pretended dead man exposed above this whiteness. The man

I smiled. "He laughs, messionrs, he laughs still," said the manager. "You will soon see him pay for that laugh. 'Rome rit et monrut, ' as l'assuet said. '

Some of the audience shouted applause to this quotation from a famous author. Bewarder did not listen. was studying from a corner of his eye What if this young man with the his neighbor's face. The man gazed with a sort of fractionation at this fantastic performance which was taking place was not at all provable. No, when one before him. He frowned; he bit his lips; his eyes were almost ferocious in truth is sometimes made up of improba expression. The figurant in the coffin continued to laugh.

"Look, look keenly," went on the manager. "You will see your brother. dematerialize after becoming changed ir color. The flesh will disappear, and en will see his ekeleten. Think, think ay brothers, this is the fate which ewaits you perhaps such on going away rom here. Think of the various illness s and deaths by accidents which await ou. Contempo te the magic spectacle Bered by the Cabaret du Squerette and omember that you are dust and that t ast you must return. Make wisely the effection, which the interiested may made to another man in like condition that such accrilegious things are per- ors in his mourning dress came to take but salesp. And that is how I shall be

which he placed where its rays fell dissers and sisters, for nonnagarest, leads to Not one who had not known the victim lock to really on the young man's face. Thus the dematerialization of your centers | would have said:

The play of lights, while the man its black leard, with its gleaming eyes, was not to be passed by with a casual little by little, the spots seemed to grow baying become a skeleton, the dear glance. The waiter placed a glass of stronger, to blacken, to enlarge. The brother who had lent himself to this ex- twisted it and said: brandy before him; he placed his el- features, lightly picked out, appeared periment would return to his natural bows on the table and leaned his chin to change gradually, to take on gray state, "fresher and rosier than before."

upon his hands. He was evidently not and confused tints, to slowly disappear. He added pleasantly, "A thing which a habitue of the place nor a resident of as under a veil, a damp vapor which does not generally happen to ordinary the quarter. There was something for- covered, devoured, that face, now na- skeletens, eign about his appearance. His glance recognizable! It has been said that the was steady, as that of one who searches manner in which this phenomenon was lauch, which the audience heartily inthe horizon, looks at running water. Imanaged was a remarkable thing. It is dulged in. It made an outlet for their contemplates the sea, asking for some true, for this human body seemed liter. pent up feelings, and they all felt as if "It would be strange," thought Ber- crowd, now become silent and frighten. The man in the sombrero, whose pale nardet, "if a simple hat and no other ed. The work of death was accomplish- face was paler than before, was the only elew should put us upon the track of ed there publicly, thanks to the illusion one who did not smile. He even frowned the man for whom we are scarching." of lighting. The livid man who smiled flercely (noted by Bernardet) when the a few moments before was motionless, manager added: fixed; then, passing through some singufrom him in-

Suddenly the play of lights made pretty full. him disappear from the cycs of the spectators and they saw, thanks to reflect "my young gentleman is ill at ease." tions made by mirrors, only a skeleton. It was the world of specters and the name, his personality, to establish his worse," secret of the tombs revealed to the identity and to learn where he had

Bernardet did not desire to wait lonmoment!

"The living eye is a book which one can cabs, the tramways, bere a spectral tion.

gration of lights, was made to seem as if young man in the gray felt hat, falling off and presented the horrible "Dagonin," he said, "you must follow me, if you please, and 'pull me in?" composition. The lugaritions vision I am going to pick a drunken quarrel. the andience. Then bernarder, drawing arrest us both, Understand: himself up to his full height sons to get a good view of the face of this man so him as possible—in fact, so that his el. Bernardet. bow and upper arm touched the young. The little man, who had given his di. you arrest me? What does it mean?" by one these words:

to be now"-And suddenly the young man's face

as he was to the bloody and villaneous doubt the security of the city, the efficiency of the police. The fall of a ministry, predicted each morning and answers and another the security of the police and morning and answers are predicted each morning and answers and the security of the police. The fall of a ministry, predicted each morning and answers are predicted ea The man might, of course, know, as the absinth," said Bernardet to himself. public did, all the details of the crime; He had not long to wait. After a

eves in the hall. hearted, of lightning in the darkness of might one sees the bottom of a pool. Dechard t smilingly said to him:

"This sight is not a gay one." so attempted to smile.

He looked back to the stage, where the semiler play went on.

"That poor Rovere!" Eernardet said. The other man new looked at Bornardet as if to read his thoughts and to learn what signification the repetition the same name had. Ecrnardet sustained with a naive look this mute in. and cursing in victous tones. terrogation. He allowed nothing of his thoughts to be seen in the clear, childlike depths of his eyes. He had the air of a good man, frightened by a terrible murder, and who spoke of the late vic. ing tim as if he feared for himself. He waited, hoping that the man would free-the street?"

In some of Bernardet's readings he bud come across the magic rule applicable to love-"Never go; wait for the a thick voice. other to come" (No ire, fac venire)applicable also to hate, to that duel of street is free, I tell you! magnetism between the hunted man and the police spy, and Bernardet waited for the other to "come,"

Brusquely, after a silence, while on the little stage the transformation was still going on, the man asked in a dry

"Why do you speak to me of M. Ro

Bernardet affably replied: "I? Because every one talks of it. It is the actuality of the moment. I live in that quarter. It was quite near there that it | ing over, and he clutched the man he happened, the affair '---'I know, " interrupted the other,

The unknown had not pronounced ten | know?" words in questioning and replying, and yet Bernardet found two clews simply insignificant - terrible in reality. know," was the man's reply, in a short | arms with a movement so quick and tone, as if he wished to push aside, to thrust away, a troublesome thought, The tone, the sound of the words, had struck Bernardet, but one word especirlly-the word "Monsteur" before Ro vere's name, "M. Rovere? Why did to speak to me of M. Rovere?" Bernardet thought.

It seemed, then, that he knew the dead man. All the people gathered in this little hall, if asked in regard to this murder would have said: "Rovered" "The Ro

his order and lighted another candle, on Sanday. Words waiting, my breth. | vete affair?" "The Rovere murder!" | to him: "See! That is how Rovere must again; then, saluting the brigadier and

"M. Rovere!"

ally to dissolve before this curious they had awakened from a nightmare.

"You are not in the habit of seeing a quarter! That was glory! lar changes, the flesh seemed to fall dead man resuscitated the next day. Between us, it would keep the world himself and still struggled, but one re-

"Evidently," thought Bernardet, him:

days. But how? ence. He glided through the crowd, The enger look of the man in the remating, "Pardon-I beg pardon!" southern revealed a deep trouble. There traversed rapidly the hall where newwas in this look something more than comers were conversing over their bevthe curiosity excited by a novel spectar crayes, and, stepping out into the street, The muscles of his pale face twitch. boiled up and down. A light fog enveled as with physical suffering. In his oped everything, and the gaslights and

the patriders of a Valles Leal. The thou he did not take his eyes from the

"Dagonin," he said, "you must fol-

"Perfectly," Dagonin replied. He looked at his comrade, who carmuch taller and approaching as near to ried his hand to his shake and saluted

man's-slewly, deliberately dropped one frections in a quick tone, was already far away. He stood near the door of "That is about how M. Rovere ought | the cataret gazing searchingly at each person who came out. The locks he east | that help you any?" were neither direct, menacing nor even expressed a sensation of fright, as one familiar. He had pulled his hat down with an accent. Prades. First name?" sees in the face of a pedestrian who sail to his evel-rows, and he east side glances. denly finds that he is about to step upon at the crowd pouring from the door of

the wineshop. "Or how he will be soon," added the He was astonished that the man in swer. "We wish nothing. We wish onlittle man, with an amiable smile the somewere had not yet appeared. In the truth, Bernardet dissimulated under this anni- Possibly the ruan had stopped, on his The drinkers in white converts shout | would try the experiment | This was to | ability and intense Joy. Helding his | way out, in the front hall. Glancing nounced Royere's name. Becaused telt scated at one of those coffin shaped oak-

but, with his strong, energetic face, his small number of persons had left the resolute look, he did not appear like a place, the door opened and the man in person who would be troubled by the the gray felt hat appeared, stepped on recttal of a murder, the description of a the threshold and, as Bernardet had bloody affray or even by the frightful done, seemed the horizon and the street scene which had just passed before his. Bernardet thrued his back and seemed to be walking away from the wine-hop "A man of that stamp is not chicken buying the man free. With a kee thought Bermone " you plane or two over his shoulder toward no." Hearing those words evoked the latta, Pernardet crossed the street and image of the dad man. Rovers. The hurried above a rapid pace in order to man was not able to master his viol at gain on the young man and by this emotion and he trembled as it under maneneer to find himself directly in an electrical discharge. The shumar front the unknown. The man seemed had been violent, of short duration, to hesitate, wailed quickly down the however, as if he had neastered his boulevard a few steps toward the Place emotion by his strong will. In his in. Pitalle, in the direction where Rovero's voluntary movement he had displayed a "apartments were, but suddenly stepped, tragic elequence. Bernary t had seen in furned on his heel, repassed the Cabaret the look, in the gesture, in the moves, du squelette, and went toward the Moument of the man's head, semething of lin Reuge, which at first, Bernardet trouble, of doubt, of terror, as in a mash thought, he was about to enter. As no Paradis-Poissonsiere, a small hotel used stood there the vanes of the Moulin by commercial travelers and merchants Rouge, turning about, lighted up the of the second class. He had been in Paris windows of the opposite buildings and early a month. made them look as if they were on fire. "No," the man answered, and he al- at last, obeying another angulse, he came from Sydney, where he was conreturn into Paris, leaving Montmartre, Tather, he had given up the situation to against a man-a little man-whom he rather rambling answers let fall the ly detach himself from the wall and remembered that Buenos Ayres was the who fell against his breast, hiccoughing place where M. Rovere had been French

"Imbecile! The young man wished to push away his eyes, ching to him and kept repeat-

"The street—the street—is it Yes, it was certainly a drunken man s-not a man in a smeek, but a little fel. ately set at liberty. low, a bourgeois, with hat askew and

"Well, if it is from I want it!" The voice was vigorous, but showed lected there! sudden anger, a strident tone, a slight foreign accent. Spanish perhaps.

"1-1 am not stopping you.

him insolent, for, still hiccoughing, he answered: "Oh, you want it, do you? You want | powerful efforts to control himself, bitit? I want it! The king says 'we wish,' don't you know?" With another movement he lost his

ace the young man recognized h

ichibber of the cabares who had sat

equilibrium and half fell, his head hangheld in a sudden embrace. "It is mine also-the street-you With sudden violence the man dis-

embarrassed himself of this caressing 'I creature. He thrust aside his clinging strong that the intoxicated man this time fell, his hat rolled into the gutter and he lay on the sidewalk. But immediately, with a bound, he

was on his feet, and as the man went stamped. He replied: aludy on his way he followed him-"They are not letters. They are adstand his coat and clutched him s dresses which I give instead of visiting ghtly that he could not proceed. eards, as I have not had time to procure "Pardon," he said. "You cannot g cards. away like that!" Then as the ligh rom a gas lamp fell on the little man

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comrade appeared on the scene and last even added a little gesture, rather morking, in the direction of the arrest-The name knew him then. This sim- vigorous hands on them both. The ed man. Praces made an angry, almost uneasy and slightly intense, struck Ber was talking, began to throw a greenish ple word, in the officer's opinion, meant young man made a quick, instinctive menacing, movement toward Bernary movement toward his right pecket. let. The guards standing about pullwhere, no doubt, he kept a revolver or knife. Bernardet seized his wrist. He

tache and humming a tune, went or "Do nothing rash!" into the street. The young man was very strong, but the huge Dagonin had herculean biceps or a happy little tourgeois, going hou and the other man did not lack muscles. from some theater through the deserte Fright, moreover, seemed to paralyze street and repeating a verse from son This vulgar drollery caused a great this tall, young gallant, who, as he vaudeville, rather than a police spy wi saw that he was being hustled toward and just secured a prize. He walks a police station, demanded: mickly, he walked gayly. He reache

'Have you arrested me, and why?" "First for having struck me," Bernardet replied, still bareheaded, and to whom a gamin new handed his soiled emperor, he had not lost his day.

hat, saving to him: "Is this yours, M. Bernardet?" Bernardet recognized in his own although not in a loud tone still it

sounded like a faroff fanfare of victory The man seemed to wish to defend in the gray fog of this Paris night. mark of Dagonin's seemed to pacify

"No rebellion! There is nothing se-His only thought was to find out his rious about your arrest. Do not make it Winning Triella That Have Been

The young man really believed that crowd by a kind of scientific magic lan- spent his life and especially his last it was only a slight matter and he absolutely essential for a man to be able to would be liberated at once. The only obtain credit, and his success in this re-He did not hesitate long. He left the thing that disquieted him was that this spect depends on his known integrity. thing that disquieted him was that this intoxicated man, suddenly become so her, had spoken to him as he did a few with regular payment.

spect depends on his known integrity against them if they once break out in this country. Under the quarantine bay of 1893 the preshiont is authorized to de-

moments before in the cabaret.

When a large business house has been for years in the habit of paying regularly in the shadow of the buildings, through on a certain day every month, the creditors the almost deserted streets, where the would receive a shock if the money on one shopkeepers were putting out their becasion were a few days late, and the rep lights and closing up their shops, mation of the house for impregnable sta-Scarcely any one who met them would billty might receive some injury "Ah!" thought the police officer, ghostly through it. The passersby, the were taking the fourth to a police star heads of but firms in order to avoid the who shall inspect incoming vessels as

cad as well as a dead man's eye."

Lyon the stage the play of lights was

What Bernardet was searching for lighted by a red lantern. The four men In one case a firm which required a few rendering even more simister the figurant. He saw two charting the rank who was giving to this correctly curious growd the consedy of death. One der the leafless trees. In three steps, at would have now thought it was one of each stop turning his fact to watch the ing on benches or reading around the stoys by the light of the garagest back those afrocious paintings made in the people coming out of the entaret, he stove by the light of the gas jets above with a letter in each case calling attention

Bernardet, looking dolefully at his cheeks were again sent out with letters to the omission. After a day's delay the flesh, by a remarkable scientific could door of that place where he had left the patient of lights, was made to seen as it young man in the gray felt hat.

broken and solled hat, begaed the young applicating for the mistake. But to the patient of lights, was made to seen as it young man in the gray felt hat. the chief of the post. The young man Web again found to be unsigned. then quickly understood that his ques-tioner of the Cabaret du Squeletre had delay custed, but this time they were remade a very visible shudder pass over Within particular person. Interfore and caught him in a trap. He looked at him with an expression of violent anger, remained unshaken. of concentrated rage,

> "My name? What do you want of ally most straightforward, he had to im that: I am an honest man. Why did pose on the doctor who attended him and "Your name?" repeated Bernardet.

Then he said:

The man besitated. "Oh, well, I am called Prades. Does

The man wrote: "Prades, P-r-a-d-e-s ther and son in temporary difficulties, with an accent. Prades. First name?" They suffered much anxiety because they

"Charles, if you wish." "()h." said Bernardet, noticing the fell due, slight difference in the tone of his an-

"I have told it."

unda a week at two.

One . 4 and One Worm.

The Sirdar and the Khedive.

is furious at the idea of the sintar assum

which he regards as a direct affront to

The Next.

Towns-The wheelless bicycle probably.

The Cumminsville Sage

Inkind.

-Brooklyn Life

-Yonkers Statesman.

Brooklyn Life.



Yes, it was certainly a drunken man.

Where was he from? He said that he suddenly crossed the bonlevard, as if to nected with a commercial house, or, the cabarets and Rovere's house behind come to Paris to seek his fortune. But him. He walked briskly along and ran while speaking of Sydney he had in his had not noticed, who seemed to suddens name of Buenos Ayres, and Bernardet consul. The officer paid no attention to this at the time, for what good? Prades real examination would be conducted by the intoxicated man, who, with hat ever M. Ginery. He (Bernardet) was not an

examining magistrate. He was the ferret who hunted out criminals. This Prades was stupefied, then furious, when, the examination over, he I arned that he was not to be immedi-

What! An absurd quarrel, a collision without a wound, in a street in Paris was sufficient to hold a man and make him pass the night in the station house, with all the vagabonds of both sexes col-

"You may bemoan your fate to yourself tomorrow morning," said Bernar-

The drunken man probably thought | det. In the meantime they searched this tran, who, very pale, making visibly ing his lips and his black beard, while they examined his pocketbook, while they looked at a Spanish knife with a short blade which he had (Bernardet had divined it at the time of his arrest) in his right pocket.

> The pocketbook revealed nothing. It contained some receipted weekly bills of the hotel in the Rue de Paradis, some envelopes without letters, without stamps and bearing the name "Charles Prades, merchant," two bank bills of 100 francs and nothing more.

The pelice officer looked at them

than words," said the Cumminsville sage Bernardet very simply asked Prades chalk."-Cincinnati Enquirer. how it was that he had upon his person addressed letters which he evidently had not received, as they were not He--I think your sister has excellent She-Oh, has she refused to marry you

Triffing. Dyer-Did her father interpose any seri "Then the addresses are in your writous objections? Duell-No: just an ordinary kick .-"Yes," Prades answered.

At this moment Dagonin and his his men, wished them good night and Measures to Keep Out Conta-

him back, while the plump, smills

little man, enrossing his sandy my

One would have taken M. Bernarde

als home, where Mme, Bernardet, a

ways rosy and pleasant, awaited his

and where his three little girls wer

deeping. He felt that, like the Roman

He again hummed the quatrain, and

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TO SAVE INCH CREDIT.

Played by Merchanis. The modern system of business makes i

gious Diseases.

Dread Maladies of Cuba and Porto Rico to he Kept Away From One Shores-Not Much Danger From the

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 .- Special .- The

marino hospital service has been quite

Philippines-Worthless Ponics.

MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE WORK.

netive in taking measures to prevent the bringing of contagious discuses from the Islands of Cuba and Porto Bleo to tha United States and will probably take up the question of the Phillippines when the United States assumes full control of those islands. At present the military authorities are making and enforcing regulations for the preservation of the health of the troops, as well as natives, in all the late Spanish possessions now and r duties being mainly in the direction of sanitation. The scope of the work of the marine hospital service is to prevent contagion or the spread to the United States of the dread diseases so common in the islands, and to take every presaution tall medical officers in foreign ports to prevent contagion leaving those ports on vessels bound for the United States. This detail by the president gives control of vessels having Cuba and Porto Rico (co the United States. As commander in chief of the army the president also has authority to station army medical officers in Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines. well as those leaving for I nited States mischief which a momentary pressure ports. The special efforts of such officers are of course directed to merchant vessels and United States transports leaving Cuban ports for the United States or for other Unban ports. As a further precaution medical officers of the marine hospital service have been placed on these transports as sanitary inspectors, and are to use their best efforts on board to prevent infection among troops. An officer of the service has been desirted in Cuba, where he is to visit nil the ports of the Island except in Santiago province, and make recommends tions as to what steps are most expedient in different localities to provent the spread of infectious diseases. Santiago province, because of its extent and condition, has a turned signed. About four days were thus gained, and the reputation of the firm special officer for this purpose. Havana likewise, has an officer for duty only it that city and its submibs. Porto Rico, by In a similar case a man protended to be too ill to sign his checks, and, though usus lng a more healthful island, has fewer

officers, but special quarantine officers are now stationed at San Juan and Ponce.

to take a quantity of physic for an imagfnary complaint. But he recovered with remarkable suddenness when a large re-Further Precautions. It is proposed during the coming quar mittanee was paid in to his banking ac- antining season, beginning with the 1st of May, to excefully inspect and, if necess A story is told of a firm consisting of fasary, disinfect every vessel leaving Cuba for the United States. To assist in this work the disinfering ship Protector, uld not meet a large bill on the day it which remained at Montauli with such good effect last summer, is now being Great, however, was the joy of the san towed to Havana. This is a vessel 120 when a junior partner in the firm which feet in length, built especially for the pur-held the bill came to say that his senior pose, containing nething but disinfecting had gone on the continent and had taken appliances. It has been found so useful Echarded dissimulated under this amiability and intense joy. Helding his
arm and elbow in an apparently careless
manner close to his neighbor as he promanner clos with him the key of the safe in which the that another, but larger, vessel is now be as two service in the coming quarantine season, to bad been quite finished. Besides the vessels, two establishments of the son, who was quiet, to see the drift of the marine hospital service are operated at matters, release the meditar to wall a morning transpose, where sailing asserts in ment while he went to consult his books. For carebe readily distincated. The source ustances in as few words as being every arrangement for distinuaring the At the Relaware Breekwater to "Father note Relighton at one;"

He case to a and heard the story out.

He then said to true to a very much the chromosures but his to there and also be for patients with interfers all cases.

The Danger Point. town, and they did not know his address.

The Danger Point,
and be could not take the responsibility. Surgeon to next Wyman does not take of paying without the internal authority | there is much danger of comagion arriv Before the continental trip was over and ling in this country from the indlipping access to the bill obtained the father and. In the first place, these islands are such a Son were able triumphantly to pay up - great distance from here that few million London Answers. Moreover, the millions authorities there inspect all persons am corotally guard all suspects so that non Ther came into a Fourieenth spect car may have. Even should a contingious seaso come a recent one recent hitter could eventure be and she, theater would be discovered by the quarantine ofand. He was "six f of a man," and fleers on this side for all incoming vessels it might have arrived at a tolerably activate collected his weight by allow the inspection before emering an America, say, 35 pounds to the foot. He was

support in a for fined ofster. Wate for | The great danger, says Dr. Wyman, thes all child his box vy groves, and a great fur. In the direction of Cuba. In that island diagnovered his cars. Now and then he the diseases are very serious and wideenarked on the intense cold and shire spread. It will be almost impossible to red. prevent some coes getting through She was as blond as the Norse Freja Cuban ports, and that will require espeand fragile as a morning glory. She was cial vigilance in the ports of this country, all a shaumer of soft silk. Her small feet especially in the south. The number of were shoul in the thinnest of shoes. On small vessels plying in Cuban waters will her entry built she were a creation of lace also be a source of much antervance and and spangles and planes that left half danger. In addition to the merchant vesher head have. About her shoulders was sels coming and going there will be dura for collar, which exposed her thin silk ing the coming spring and summer sheeves from shoulder to wrist. It was months many thousands of people from her only wrap, but she wasn't cold. She the United States who will visit the said so and she looked so. She hadn't island, and probably many people now in even a blue nose to disprove her assertion. Cuba will come to the United Stares He was half frozen. She was as warm as There will also be army officers coming and going, and undoubtedly a number of regiments of troops now in Cuba will be sent home and others sent from here to take their places. It is therefore to Cuba The bliediye, says the Leeds Mercury, that the greatest attention will be paid, and for that reason great precautions have ing the title of Lord Khartum-an act been taken along the Atlantic scaboard to prevent the introduction of diseases. There is little or no danger of disease comhimself, and it is said he has already offered a strong remonstrance to Lord ing from Hawaii, but the marine hospital Salisbury on the subject. There are those who say that if the fortunes of the day service has an officer in the Islands to had gone somewhat differently at Omdur-man the kheslive, who haves the colm as. Prove dangerous to this country.

An Indian Industry.

surance of the sirdar even more than he resents the tutelage of Lard Cromer, James L. Cowan, Indian agent at the would not have been inconsolable. His Warm Springs agency in Oregon, has highness has never been on good terms, been troubled by the many worthless with Sir Herbert Kitchener, and if he had | ponies which the Indians there have been his way some one else would have had maintaining. He condemns the Indian the honor of conducting the compaign pany as a worthless brute, but he seems to against the khalifa. When he was told have found a way to get rid of him. He that the sixter was likely to take the title tells of it in his annual report to the f Lord Kitchener of Khartum. he broke Washington Indian office: "These worth into exchanations of annoyance, but the less ponics are the cvil of the reservation. later news that Sir Herbert Kitchener consuming feed that should be reserved biddly proposed to call himself Lord for profitable stock. I am gratified, how-Khaetum throw him into a fury, and he ever, in telling you that last year the Instignization the proposal as presumptions diams sold some 600 of these ponies to be and insident. and during the next season I hope to dispose of 2,000 head to the same partic-The Indians now see the necessity of get Browne-Now that the horseless carting rid of them at any price and cheer-fully part with their horses when opporriage has proved successful, what do you suppose will follow? tunity offers—one long step in the march of civilization. ARTHUR W. DUNK.

"Pa, did you know my long before you "No, my toy, I didn't know her until "It may be true that actions speak douder long after a married heel .- Bosion Tra

"but they don't speak so often, by a long ther-

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